

Remarks

I. Status and Nature of the Amendments

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 15-22 have been withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention.

II. The Requirement for Restriction of the Claims

The Examiner has advised Applicant that the present application contains to two separate and distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-14 and 23-24 are drawn to a method for assaying one or more target analytes, classified in class 436, subclass 518; and
- II. Claims 15-22 are drawn to a composition, classified in class 435, subclass 4.

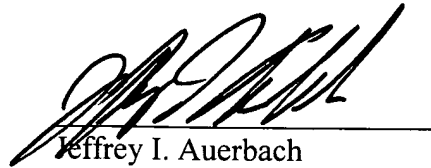
The Examiner has accordingly advised that restriction of the claims is appropriate.

Applicant herewith responds to the Restriction requirement by electing to prosecute in this application **Invention I** (claims 1-14 and 23-24). Claims directed to the non-elected invention have been withdrawn. Applicant's election is made with traverse. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider rejoining the withdrawn claims to the application in the event that Allowable subject matter is found with respect to the elected invention.

Having now responded to all of the Examiner's Objections, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for Examination, and earnestly solicit early notice of favorable action. The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned with respect to any issues regarding this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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